

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Chronister, are you going to close?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, in LB 131 we have gone through the process of 407. We have jumped through all the hoops that have been presented to us. The measure is cost competitive, in most cases lower in affording your constituents, the citizens of Nebraska, in their eye care. The training of optometrists is very sophisticated and thorough. Their instrumentation is unparalleled in taking care of eye disorders. And now I think it should be brought to your attention that in outstate Nebraska there is now a great measure of cooperation taking place between medical doctors, ophthalmologists, and the opticians. This is taking place now under our very eyes, if we would just open them and see it. Optometrists and ophthalmologists are working together, and the beneficiaries of this are the people of Nebraska. Senator Chambers decried people getting together. I take an opposite view. I think that is the old American way. People and their differences meet together, work out a compromise that is for the benefit of all those concerned. With this in mind, I ask you to advance 131. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, record vote. (Read record vote as found on page 1144 of the Legislative Journal.) 29 ayes, 14 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. We'll take up the A bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 131A by Senator Remmers and Sieck. (Read title.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I simply move that we...ask that we move the A bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any other discussion about the A bill? Senator Chambers.